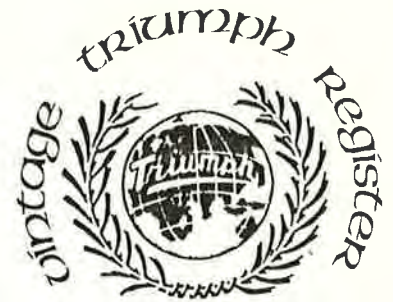




CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
VINTAGE TRIUMPH REGISTER
P.O. Box 5263
Jackson, MS 39216

NEWSLETTER
February 1983



Meeting Report

The January meeting/workshop was held on the 15th in Brandon. As our Stromberg carburetor did not make its appearance, we quickly removed an S.U. from the nearest TR-3 for our workshop. Steve Cappello gave an excellent presentation on the fine art of performing an S.U.-ectomy, and it seemed a good lead-in for a tune-up clinic later this year.

February Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on February 15th at the home of Bubba and Sally Brown, 1366 Winterview Drive. You may call Bubba for directions at 956-9565 during the day or at 956-1956 evenings.

British Car Day

We are still seeking a location to hold the British Car Day. We have been informed that Riverside Park and the Holiday Inn South will not be able to accommodate us, although we have been offered the parking lot at Smith Wills Stadium on Lakeland. The most suitable area would be one that has plenty of parking space (grass or paved) and some shade trees where picnics might be held.

If you have some thoughts on a better location, please call Alex at 969-6225 or 825-9611.

The Chapter would like to extend sympathy to Tom Gallogly, whose mother passed away in December.

Tom reported for duty in December and will be stationed in Maryland for a few months (Start Your Engines will soon have a frequent visitor!). He reports to Germany in June, TR-3 and all, and also plans to visit England as time permits.

Errata

No, that is not the sound of a finely-tuned racing Spitfire! Errata refers to an error made in writing, of which the Editor made two in the last issue:

The meeting announcement made reference to "Tere's dip". Please note that this concerned an onion dip, not her husband.

In the article concerning the re-springing of your seat cushions, please note that you need 14 of the large springs for each seat, or 28 for both seats. Ordinary upholstery foam and batting can be easily used for your seat backs.

Mini-Wheels

A recent catalog available for \$2.00 from Mini-Wheels of Midland (P.O. Box 7414, Midland, Texas 79703) showed several 1/43 scale Triumph kits on its list. They list a TR-3 and TR-3A (\$34.50 each), a GT-6 (\$17.95), a Dolomite Sprint - Tony Dron winner Silverstone GP meet (\$17.95), another Dolomite Sprint - Leyland France "Seiko" French Championship winner (\$16.95), a 1938 Dolomite Roadster (\$17.95), and a TRS LeMans (\$16.75). I also noted a TR-2 in a previous catalog, and I'm sure that all of the other Triumphs are available from time to time.

All of the above cars are finely detailed miniatures of investment grade, and should not be confused with the plastic kits available in discount stores.

May in Memphis

A special flea market and car show will be held in Memphis during May 26 through 29, with the car show itself being held on May 28 from 10 am to 5 pm. The British Car Club of Memphis should have a strong showing, as they have a number of active members.

continued . . .

If you are interested in the event, write to: Brass T. Productions, Suite 102-103, 80 North Tillman, Memphis, TN 38111. You may also obtain information by calling 901/323-6982 weekdays during business hours.

Insignificant People
from
Triumph's Significant Past

- Lance Gasper - marketing executive who suggested in 1961 that Triumph name its' new small sports car after a famous WW 11 fighter plane - the Stuka!
- Harvey Wimbleton - practical joking technician who was fired from Duckham's after putting laundry detergent in their 40-weight oil being delivered to Triumph. He then went to a major U. S. pharmaceutical firm and was fired for putting Crazy Glue in their Preparation H.
- Oscar Pippenholt - ex-Tinkertoy engineer credited with the design of the TR-2/3 top frame.
- Yoriek Bayden-Duntov - Leader of the Chelsea Rust Strippers Union who pressured Triumph to use corrosive Crimson brake fluid after silicon fluid became available.
- Elliot McTavish - wire wheel tuning specialist at Dunlop since 1935 who retired in 1973 when it was discovered that he had been tone-deaf since WW 11.

(To be continued next month)

Installing Glass

Having trouble installing a windshield or glass lens in a rubber gasket? Work in a length of heavy twine with a screw driver along the channel first, then press the glass against the gasket. Pulling the twine will pull the lip over the glass neatly and quickly.

Reminder

There are still a few members who have not paid their 1982-1983 dues. If you have not yet sent in your \$10.00, please forward your cash, check, or Kruegerand to Scotty Marsh, Rt. 6, Box 405, Florence, MS 39073.

Instrument Problems?

You'll be pleased to know that the Nisonger Corporation, 35 Bartels Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801, can help you with most any problem you may come across. They can rebuild, repair, or supply parts for almost all Triumph instruments at reasonable prices.

Autocross Season

The Mississippi Region of the SCCA expects to begin scheduling autocross events beginning this March, details of which will follow in future newsletters. All members are encouraged to enter their Triumphs and defend our marque against the hordes of Japanese cars that have done so well at these events.

Members are also encouraged to join the Mississippi Region SCCA as they have a very active chapter. The SCCA meets every month on the third Wednesday at Greco's on Capitol Street at 8:00 pm. Guests are always welcome.

Articles Needed

This newsletter will welcome articles from the membership concerning maintenance, repair, restoration tips, and race preparing of Triumphs. If you have an idea which can be used, please bring it with you to a meeting or drop it in the mail to the chapter's post office box.

A future article will be about "making do with what you've got" and will point out some of the interesting repairs that have been performed on Triumphs. As material is still being assembled, any input from the membership will be sincerely appreciated.

FOR SALE: 1935 straight-eight Dolomite converted to cute pick-up truck. Serious inquiries only: Tim's Tacky Triumphs, Inc.

Bumper snicker:

God Save the Triumph . . . the Queen can take care of herself!